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The Department of Water Resources is pleased to invite you to participate in the first meeting of the Environmental Work Group associated with the relicensing of the Oroville Facilities (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Project No. 2100). A proposed agenda for the meeting is enclosed. The meeting is scheduled for:

**December 7, 2000
9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Oroville Field Division Office
460 Glen Drive
Oroville, California**

DWR envisions utilizing a three-tiered collaborative process (Plenary Group, Work Groups, and Task Forces) to achieve consensus on relicensing the Oroville Facilities, where interested individuals can actively participate in the process at whatever level they choose. DWR expects that much of the collaboration and productivity in the process will occur at the Work Group level. Work Group participants will address resource-specific issues and be involved in development of solutions and recommendations for presentation to the Plenary Group. The Plenary Group will provide a global perspective and help achieve balance between resource plans.

Involvement at the Work Group level will require a strong commitment to attend regularly scheduled meetings. Participants will work collaboratively to discuss issues related to a specific resource, evaluate existing information, identify additional information needs, design study scopes, evaluate study results, and develop solutions and recommendations for review by the Plenary Group.

The Environmental Work Group will be actively involved in developing goals and objectives leading to the environmental documentation that DWR will ultimately submit to FERC as part of its application for relicensing of the Oroville Facilities. This first meeting will focus on the organization, structure and method by which the Work Group will address issues and interests related to environmental resources raised during the relicensing process.

Visit our website, <http://OrovilleRelicensing.water.ca.gov>, for additional information on the Oroville Facilities Relicensing program and related meetings. Please contact Melanie Baillie at (916) 653-9647 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Enclosure



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OROVILLE FACILITIES RELICENSING
ENVIRONMENTAL WORK GROUP
DRAFT AGENDA**

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Desired Outcomes

- *Acceptance of Ground Rules*
- *Concurrence on Work Group Schedule and Mandate*
- *Commitment to and Understanding of Roles and Expectations by all Participants*

- I. Welcome, Opening Remarks, Introductions
- II. Agenda and Ground Rules
- III. Work Group Mandate
- IV. Work Group Schedule
- V. Elements of the Initial Information Package
 - Fisheries Habitat and Water Quality
 - Wildlife Habitat
- VI. Issues and Interests
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 - Wildlife Habitat
- VII. Action Items and Next Steps